

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“GID”)
Jeanne Herman	TMWA, Washoe County WRWC member
Jenny Brekhus	TMWA, City of Reno WRWC member
Charlene Bybee	TMWA, City of Sparks WRWC member
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Ron Smith	City of Sparks

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Bob Lucey	TMWA, successor to South Truckee Meadows GID

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Martini led the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Introduction of New WRWC Trustees

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, introduced Jenny Brekhus and Charlene Bybee as new WRWC Trustees.

6. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2016 Calendar Year – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the election process.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO RE-ELECT COMMISSIONER HARTUNG AS CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER DUERR AS VICE-CHAIR, AND COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH AS SECRETARY-TREASURER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Report on the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) update, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the update process and stated that staff is currently developing the update of the RWMP. A draft RWMP will be presented to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) in July to begin the public process. The WRWC will hold a public hearing for adoption of the RWMP in September.

Commission Duerr discussed outreach efforts and suggested including a presentation of the overall RWMP along with the open house meeting.

Commissioner Duerr requested that staff include recommendations regarding how to better manage storm water.

Commissioner Brekhus agreed with the suggestion to include a presentation of the RWMP with the open house format.

Commissioner Brekhus asked about a current draft of the RWMP. Mr. Smitherman explained that the RWMP is currently being updated and that a draft is not ready to release at this time.

Commissioner Brekhus requested a copy of the WRWC’s Rules of Procedure and Operations and a copy of the interlocal (joint powers) agreement.

Commissioner Brekhus asked about the status of the septic study. Mr. Smitherman reported that staff just had a briefing on that project and a report will be ready in three months.

COMMISSIONER HERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF AS DISCUSSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Report on activities of the “Regional Effluent Management Team”, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the activities of the Regional Effluent Management Team and assured the WRWC that there is a team of their top staff engineers working on critical wastewater effluent management issues. A more thorough report will be prepared in a few months.

There was discussion regarding effluent, potable water, and sewer services. No direction was given.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible February 17, 2016, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Martini requested a report on the steps it would take to disband the WRWC.

Commissioner Duerr agreed with Commissioner Martini's request and requested that agenda item include information on how the WRWC responsibilities would be distributed.

Commissioner Brekhus requested that the NPO [non-profit organization] function be addressed as well.

Chairman Hartung stated that he will coordinate with Mr. Smitherman regarding the timing of the next WRWC meeting.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO AGENDIZE A REPORT ON THE STEPS REQUIRED TO DISBAND THE WRWC, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WRWC AND POTENTIAL HOME AGENCIES TO TAKE THEM OVER IF THAT IS THE DIRECTION THE WRWC IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. Commission Comments

None

12. Staff Comments

None

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2016.

Chairman